

Murcer News.

Editor BANNER:— Three weeks of the kind of weather we are having here just now would cure the most malignant case of Klondyke fever and everybody seems to be taking advantage of the fine sleighing. Bros. A. J. Evans, Iverson and Jex held a series of meetings here beginning last Wednesday and continuing the rest of the week they were fairly attended and much good was accomplished. Mr. Geo. Austin and Mr. Ingalls were Murcer visitors last Wednesday. A man by the name of Chris Neibor had his leg broken on Saturday the 14th at the Golden Gate mill, three iron post rolled down the hill and struck his leg, with the above result. The Golden Gate people have been sampling the Geyser and Marion property with a view of buying it, and it is rumored that they will take possession on the 1st of Feb. Coasting is all the rage at present and is freely indulged in by all classes and at all hours of the night notwithstanding the intense cold.

The Chinese Population did some celebrating on the 22nd it being the beginning of their new year. The events of the week closed with a social hop in the Opera House on Saturday Eve.

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For Other Fields.

It is very likely that Supt. C. A. Granger will not be identified with the Utah Sugar Co. next season as he has received a very flattering offer from F. H. Dyer and Co. which he will accept. He will oversee the construction and will run the La Grande, Or. factory for one year and will doubtless move up there as soon as work begins in the spring.

We are pleased to hear of Mr. Granger's advancement in the sugar industry and congratulate him on thus being able to go a step higher. He has been with this factory since the beginning and has given good satisfaction and part of the credit is due him for the success made here. The directors have approved of his labors and have given him some excellent personal letters stating that fact.

He says he has many friends here and has a warm feeling for the factory boys who have so faithfully worked with him to make the factory a success and shall always be pleased to hear of the industry prospering here.

We wish Mr. Granger success in his new field of labor.

"The Thief on the Cross" by Elder GEORGE REYNOLDS:— "Well, what about the thief on the cross? He wasn't baptized and he went to heaven." How often have our brethren been confronted with this assertion when emphasizing the doctrine that without baptism no man or woman can be saved in the kingdom of God.

Now it is not our purpose to affirm that the thief was baptised, our argument is simply that taking the scripture alone, the weight of testimony is in favor of that proposition. It will be seen from the above quotation that Elder Reynolds treats his subject from a standpoint quite unusual—Improvement Era.

Fast drivers had better beware as the marshal has been instructed to look out for them.

M. W. Ingalls, of the Utah Sugar Co., will leave this week for a trip to Mexico. He expects to be gone several weeks.

A closer investigation of the mother-beets at the factory shows that the loss will be much smaller than expected last week.

The Fowler family wish to thank the people for their assistance and sympathy in the death and burial of Raymond Fowler.

Henry Gibb son of J. L. Gibb was thrown from a horse Sunday morning. The injuries he sustained were not serious.

Mrs. George Carson and son has been visiting her sister Mrs. Hodge. This boy is the one who recently had a safety pin cut out of his throat at the Salt Lake hospital.

Killing Sparrows.

In five minutes from the time that the men started on their way the guns began to bang. All up and down the valley during the entire afternoon the reports filled the air until the inhabitants might have been excused for believing that a war skirmish was going on in the neighborhood. The sparrows never had been thicker. In fact, they had been so thick during the summer months that they threatened to eat the farmers out of house and home.

One peculiar fact about shooting sparrows is that the noise of the guns seems to frighten them only temporarily. They rapidly become accustomed to the report, as they do to everything else. They are the most complacent little upstarts that ever immigrated into the country. On Fourth of July the same characteristic is noticeable. In early morning, when the first few firecrackers or miniature torpedoes are discharged, the sparrows will fly away to the topmost branches of the trees or to the eaves of the barns and houses, where they build nests, but before nightfall they are back again on the streets as chipper as ever, and only mind a firecracker long enough to fly a few feet away and sputter like the mischief when it bursts. So it is when hunting. The first discharge of weapons early in the morning sent the sparrows away to their safest retreats, but by noon, between hunger and the fact that they no longer dreaded the noise, they were out on the roads, in the fields, about barnyards and stealing the grain away from the chickens, as though they never had heard a shotgun.

Why Farmer Slack Failed.

Farmer Slack will set no more fruit trees, because he "always has such bad luck with them." Among the causes of his bad luck were cattle which trimmed the trees, careless workmen who barked them with plows and moving machines, and suckers which came up around the roots. Of course the trees were not matured and mulched, while such new-fangled notions as spraying or removing caterpillar nests are never so much as thought of. Slack doesn't believe in "fussing" with a tree.—Massachusetts Plowman.

Steamed Brown Bread.

Sift one pint of Indian meal, one pint of rye meal, one-half teaspoonful of salt; mix well; add one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one cupful of hot water and stirred into a pint of sour milk, two-thirds of a cup of molasses. Pour into a well-buttered tin. A five-pound lard pail answers very well if care is taken to prevent its setting flat on the bottom of the kettle—a muffin ring is good for that purpose. Steam five hours or more, then remove the cover and set in the oven for 15 minutes. Another good recipe is as follows: Three cupfuls of meal, two of rye, two cupfuls of sweet milk, one of water, two-thirds cupful of molasses, one teaspoonful of soda, or one teaspoonful of cream of tartar and one scant half teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of salt. Mix well and steam.—Ladies' Home Journal.

He Was Chief of the Snobs.

Sir John Brown, the cutlery manufacturer of Sheffield, owed his title to a visit to that city by the prince of Wales while Sir John was mayor of Sheffield. That he is a snob of snobs the following story proves: On the occasion of his visit the prince leaned his head against a wall in the billiard-room in his host's house, leaving a stain on the delicate paper. This stain Sir John had covered with glass and surrounded by a gold frame, placing an inscription below which related that the stain was made by the head of England's future king.—Boston Globe.

What It Means.

A little maiden of seven years attended the wedding of an elder brother. The Episcopal service, heard for the first time, made a deep impression on her mind. A few days after she called to see the bride, and found her sitting on her husband's lap. Looking at them wistfully for a few moments, she exclaimed: "Oh, yes; I see—to have and to hold."—N. Y. Journal.

SENATOR BRICE, some time ago, walked up the front door in his house so as to have nothing but a carriage entrance.

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